

# Information



**SID RYAN**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**ONTARIO FEDERATION OF LABOUR**  
**BIOGRAPHY**

Born in Dublin, Republic of Ireland in 1952, Sid Ryan is the President of the Ontario Federation Labour, Canada's largest labour federation, advocating for one million workers. As a high-profile newsmaker, columnist, commentator and sought-after public speaker, Sid's political career is identified with major social and economic reforms on behalf of public and private sector workers and those without a voice.

Since becoming President of the OFL two years ago, Sid has reinvigorated a progressive fighting spirit in the labour movement and mobilized strike support for thousands of workers throughout the province. He has built new and strong ties with community groups, environmentalists, students, poverty and housing activists, organizations representing peoples of colour and many others that are fighting for social change. By spearheading two massive rallies of over 10,000 people, Sid has led the fightback against Stephen Harper's attack on pensions and Toronto Mayor Rob Ford's attacks on good jobs and public services.

Prior to his election as OFL President, Sid served as the President of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and as the General Vice-President of CUPE National (1992 – 2009), Canada's largest public sector union. Under his leadership, the division emerged as a formidable voice in political battles for public health care, education, social and municipal services and for decent jobs, wages and working conditions for Canadians.

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